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integrity, I asked a college professor, what happens when you find a student who has cheated in your class? He said, he gets a failing grade and is dismissed from class. You ask any college student if they think a member of the Board of Regents should be serving after cheating, after filing a false statement. I can tell you what 95 percent of them will say. This is about integrity for the university. I feel sorry for the university, having a man of this credentials serve on their Board of Regents, the governing body who makes rules that our students have to live by. I'm passionate about that. should be one of the higher moral standard persons if you're going to be on the Board of Regents, and that doesn't give you the right to tramp all over our campaign laws. I just think it's a sham if we don't do something about this. Hey, I'll live with it either way, but I think it's about integrity. And by the way, I'm proud to serve in a body of 49 people, and Mr. Friend, I cast the toughest vote of my life last year on a school bill, so you're not alone. We have checks and balances, and if Mr. Hergert is not guilty, then the Supreme Court can decide that. But for us not to know the answer to this would always haunt me for the rest of my life. Senator Flood, would you like any more time?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator...thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Louden, followed by Senator Thompson.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, members. I...as one of the three that voted not to bring this forward as impeachment, I certainly want to state my position on that. As we was on that task force, it was agreed that we would hire a counsel that we thought would be appropriate, and Senator Bourne certainly picked a very good one, as far as I know. I personally don't know Clarence Mock, but he came as quite a reputable lawyer, and so I went with what he would decide in his opinion. As we went through that and he finally rendered his opinion, we paid several thousand dollars to have him research the matter, and in the business that I've always been in--I'm not a lawyer, but whenever I need to have law work done or mechanics or anything else, we usually hire competent people or have competent people do it for us, and we trust in what they do. So myself, when Clarence Mock stated that he didn't think that the Supreme Court